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SUBJECT: NEW NATAL TEXTILE STRIKE

1. SOME 500 AFRICAN AND INDIAN TEXTILE WORKERS WENT ON STRIKE AUGUST 9 AT CONSOLIDATED FRAME OWNED DURBAN PLANT PROTESTING LOW WAGES. STRIKERS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION RECENT WAGE INCREASES RANGING FROM 49 RAND CENTS TO 76 RAND CENTS PER WEEK AND DEMANDED IMMEDIATE INCREASES OF R5 TO R7 PER WEEK. COMPANY SUMMARILY DISMISSED ALL STRIKING WORKERS BUT INDICATED WOULD SELECTIVELY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT. SOME 60 BATON CARRYING POLICE WERE CALLED FACTORY SITE BUT WITHDREW AS STRIKERS DISPERSED. STRIKE AT FRAME GROUP PLANTS EARLIER THIS YEAR HELPED SPARK NATAL'S MASSIVE AFRICAN LABOR DISTURBANCES.

2. COMMENT: STRIKING GROUP COMPRISES MORE HIGHLY PAID SEMI-SKILLED AND SKILLED TEXTILE WORKERS AND COMES JUST AS TUCS PREPARING MEET FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT DURBAN.  
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